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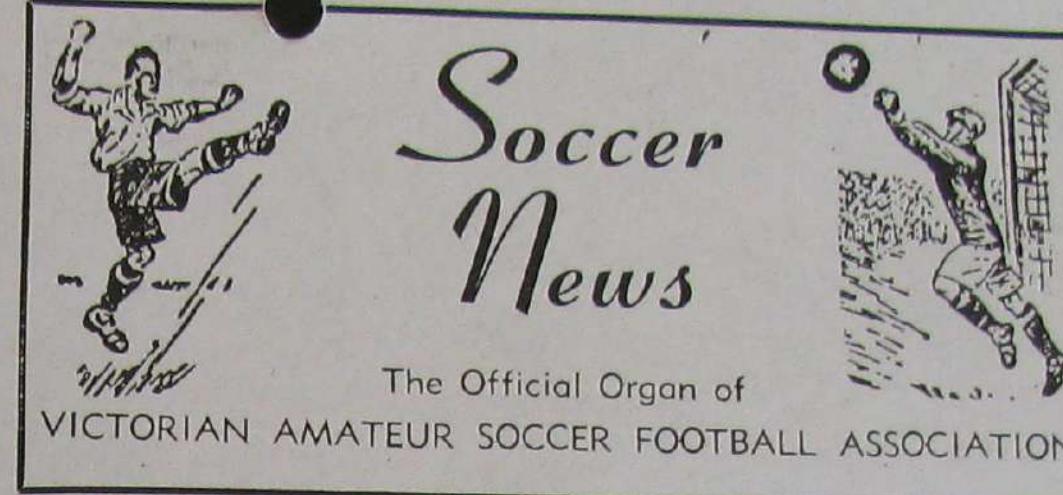
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The Victorian team which last season inflicted a crushing defeat on South Australia. Left to right: Starkey, Wilson, Bird, Scott, Thorrington, Hardmann, Ashworth, Stoddart, Drennan, McFeeters and White (capt.).

Editorial

All communications to "Soccer News" must be sent to the Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 42 Nelson Street, Sandringham, S.8.

Today, once again, "King Football" comes into his own and this year, unless we are very much mistaken, Soccer will have a programme which will satisfy even the most exacting of its followers.

First and foremost in the mind of every Soccer addict is the coming visit of the English professional side. This, it is anticipated, will draw larger crowds than have ever previously been seen at Soccer matches in Australia.

In bringing this fine side to Australia, the A.S.F.A. is making a great gamble which has been unanimously supported by all States. It is felt that the tour can be made to pay and show a profit — if all "Soccerites" give their utmost support.

Cost of the tour will exceed £36,000. It entails every one of us doing all in our power to persuade as many people as possible to come to the two "King's Birthday" week-end games when the tourists will play Victoria on the Saturday and an "Australian XI" on the Monday. Further details will be published in "Soccer News" as they come to hand.

This season also a great drive will be made to obtain a ground for Soccer which will be Soccer's for all time. Steps are also being taken to raise money in large sums for this purpose, chief amongst which is the "Soccer Queen" Carnival being promoted by the Entertainment Committee of the V.A.S.F.A.

All this was brought about by the constant doubt over the obtaining the Olympic Park for Soccer each year. With the growth of the game in Victoria it is felt by all concerned that the time has come when the Code should have an enclosed ground of its own and over which it has sole jurisdiction.

This year senior football is divided into four divisions. Promoted to the first division are Yallourn and Sunshine City, while Moreland and Hakoah have dropped to the second division. From last year's third division (South) J.U.S.T. have been promoted to second division, with "Fifers" to their opposite number from last year's third division (North) accompanying them.

Withdrawal of Ringwood from the competition created another vacancy in the second division. This has been filled by the "Jolly Jack Tars" from Flinders Naval Depot.

This year's third division is composed entirely of clubs of one year or more standing and the newly created fourth division of new clubs, including Frankston, Geelong United, Maccabi (Jewish), Polonia (Polish), Ulsterville, Balwyn United, and Slavia (Czechoslovaks), with the addition of Heidelberg, whose application for affiliation arrived late. Coming on the scene a little late in the day, R.A.A.F. Point Cook, is fielding a team which will be playing this season in the third division reserves.

The Junior Association this year is stronger than ever. Both the under "19" and under "17" sections are divided into "A" and "B" leagues, and the division of the smaller boys into an under "14" and under "15" competition.

"Soccer News" this year finds itself faced with a heavy increase in production costs. Every enthusiast therefore — both players and supporters — is asked to do his bit in helping this paper to succeed in its job. This can only be done by each and every one buying his own copy and handing it on to a Non-Soccerite when finished with. Do not be satisfied to read your "cobber's" copy — buy your own and help us get the cost down and improve the paper.

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Soccer Queen Carnival

Continued difficulties experienced by the Association in obtaining the use of an enclosed ground have caused the Council of the V.A.S.F.A. to form a Grounds Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. D. Hamilton. Its aim is the purchase or leasing, on a long term, a playing arena for Soccer ONLY.

To raise funds for this purpose Mr. Peter Polites has been given the job of forming the Committee to run a Queen Carnival in which it is hoped all clubs will participate.

At a preliminary meeting at the home of Mrs. White, of Bentleigh, Mr. Polites propounded the following suggestions, which were agreed to:—(1) That all clubs attend a meeting on April 10 at the OLYMPIC CLUB, BOURKE STREET (over the Tivoli Theatre), at 8 p.m. (2) The Carnival to be run on the basis of whichever Queen raises most money to be the winning Queen. (3) As many clubs as possible to nominate Queens — perhaps two clubs to combine and nominate a Queen to represent them. If necessary a preliminary carnival could be held within a club to determine that club's Queen. (4) Clubs to nominate Queens to the organising committee of the Carnival together with an entry fee which would be added to the total raised by the club. (5) The winning Queen would receive a very handsome gift for her efforts. The crowning ceremony will be held at a grand Queen Carnival Ball at a venue to be decided on.

The Council of the V.A.S.F.A. feels that if all clubs co-operate wholeheartedly in this Carnival a huge sum of money can be raised for obtaining a ground. The financial position of all clubs can not only be stabilised, but the clubs will be put in possession of more money than they have ever held before, for it is intended that each club shall receive 50 per cent. of all moneys raised by that club in the Carnival.

Clubs, therefore, are urged to attend this initial meeting on Tuesday next, April 10, at the Olympic Club (over the Tivoli Theatre), Bourke Street, at 8 p.m.



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ENGLAND SENDS SOCCER TEAM

By REX BENSON

After introducing cricket to Australia, England recently retired defeated, having met her match at the hands of an adept pupil. Within a few weeks we shall have the good fortune to receive a visit from the Old Country of a soccer team. In this case, the introducers of this great universal game will undoubtedly remain the masters.

When one considers the length of the English soccer season, extending from the end of August to the beginning of May, it is surprising that such top-rank players as those chosen to visit this country can manage a tour to the other side of the globe during the few weeks of the close season. Air travel provides the answer of course, plus a carefully planned itinerary.

The controlling body in Australia is to be congratulated on having secured for the soccer-starved public such welcome and attractive visitors. The expenses of such a tour will undoubtedly be very heavy. The full support of soccer followers will be necessary to cover this, so that it may prove the forerunner of future tours.

Despite the surprise defeat of England in the recent world championship series at Rio, visits by English teams are still the most eagerly sought after by other countries. A regular exodus takes place to America and the Continent in May of every year. Usually this is undertaken by fancied teams like the Arsenal, Newcastle United, or Liverpool. Those selected for the Australian tour are from different clubs, however, and includes internationals and players holding cup, final and league championship honours. Surely the game this season will be the richer by their participation.

REX BENSON, who has been nine months in Heidelberg Hospital with nine more to go, knew personally many members of the English team. Notes on these players will follow.—EDITOR.



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Any club desirous of a discussion on the rules of the game should contact Mr. W. R. Fleming, secretary, Referees' Association, 284 New Street, Brighton, S.5. Telephone XB 6789. On request referees will visit the clubs and discuss points of interest. This is an offer which should be followed up by each club.

"SOCCER NEWS" FOR REFEREES

Club secretaries are requested to reserve one copy of "Soccer News" each week for the referee in charge of their game. Last season referees encountered difficulty in securing their copies, and club secretaries can overcome the difficulty by adopting this suggestion.

SOCcer BALLS

Senior Balls, size 5, can be obtained from the secretary of the V.A.S.F.A. at a cost of 65/- each.

OLYMPIC S.C.

The secretary of Olympic S.C. is now Mr. Con. Kazakos, 22 Fitzgibbon Street, Parkville, to whom all correspondence should be addressed.

ULSTERVILLE S.C.

Directions to Ulsterville S.C. ground, Royal Park: Take tram from city to Gatehouse Street, alight and continue along the "Avenue" to No. 1 ground.

THIRD DIVISION RESERVES

Hakoah J.R.C. has withdrawn their team and R.A.A.F., Point Cook, will take over the vacancy. In the handbook substitute R.A.A.F. for Hakoah J.R.C. The secretary of R.A.A.F., Point Cook, is L.A.C. Barton, L.C. Barracks, R.A.A.F. Station, Point Cook, Victoria.

NOTE

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NOTICE

All material for publication should reach the Editor by first post on Monday mornings. Requests for extra copies should reach Mr. Rose by first post on Monday.

The telephone number of Mr. A. Clark, secretary Preston Club, has been wrongly printed in the Handbook of the V.A.S.F.A. Mr. Clark's number is JJ 1480.

—S. Beaton, Secretary V.A.S.F.A.

THE ENGLISH TEAM

Sixteen players who have been provisionally selected by the F.A. to tour Australia this season, are as follows:—

Goalkeepers:

Burgin (Sheffield United).
Bartram (Charlton Athletic).

Backs:

Bamford (Bristol Rovers).
McCue (Stoke City).
Lock (Charlton Athletic).

Halves:

Taylor (Liverpool).
Flewin (Portsmouth).
Owen (Luton Town).
Mitchell (Chelsea).
Shaw (Sheffield United).

Forwards:

Hurst (Charlton Athletic).
Webster (Bolton Wanderers).
Broome (Notts County).
Smith (Birmingham).
Clarke (Portsmouth).
Sewell (Sheffield Wednesday).
Hagan (Sheffield United).
Langton (Sheffield Wednesday).

It is expected that Flewin will captain the side, of which six men are internationals.



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HOME and AWAY

By ALEC BARR



EXPENSIVE VISITOR

Soccer supporters would do well to publicise the fact that Jackie Sewell, recently transferred to Sheffield for £30,000, will be a member of the English touring team visiting Melbourne.

DEAR FOOTBALL

It is interesting to hear of a Scottish professional full-back being fined £3 for giving a wrong name to the referee. Some of our locals couldn't afford to play soccer under these conditions.

JACK'S THE BOY

An interesting experiment is being made down Brighton way. International centre-half, Tommy Jack, has full control of Brighton First Eleven. Captain, coach and sole selector, he has the boys' support.

THINGS TO COME

Maybe this season will see a Victorian challenge to N.S.W. Councillors please note!

SOCIAL SIDE

I note that many First Division players have made a move to new clubs. Maybe some clubs don't consider the social side of soccer.

Migrants do appreciate friendly gestures and hope to make new friends through the medium of the round ball.

FLETCHER JONES WANTED

I hear round town that Prahran are out to scoop the pool this year. They have the material, but can they "Taylor" it to suit.

ON THE MOVE

Bad news for Moorabbin. They lost their ground to the aerial ping-pongers. Tough luck, Jack Rickerly, but wishing you luck in finding fresh fields to conquer.

DOWN THE LINE

A very strong club is functioning at Frankston. They have a very good enclosed ground and a strong committee. Here's wishing them well. Having seen them in action I reckon they'll win more than they'll lose.

QUEEN CARNIVAL

You will be hearing a lot about a Queen Carnival this year. Remember Brighton made a few hundred two years ago.

A BIT LATE

Harry Hopman gave Sandringham a big build up. Funny thing, he must be mixed up a little — the new stars he mentions played last year.

BIRKALLA WIN

Sunshine visited Adelaide recently and were defeated by South Australia premiers, Birkalla Rovers. From what I hear, however, the trip was a success. We don't see enough interstate visitors. What about it, Council?

KANGAROOS

Everything seems sewn up for a visit to New Zealand by the Kangaroos. Bill ("Haka") Thomas has selected a very strong team. The tour will last three weeks and should prove a great success. Good luck, "Roos".

CHEERS

Let us hear big, loud, and long cheers today when your favourite team takes the field. Support your club physically and financially. Wishing the best team success.

THE "PHANTOM" AGAIN

Rumour has it that the "Phantom" President was seen again at one "South of the Yarra" ground not far from Nepean Highway.

AUSTRALIA, 1950



THE AUSTRALIAN TEAM which defeated N.S.W. by 2 goals to 1 at Wallsend after their return from South Africa last year. Left to right: Lawrie (capt.), Drummond, Jack, O'Neill, Hulme, Mahoney, Johns, Parsons, Nunn, Young and Robertson.

AUSTRALIA COVERS UP



YOUNG (right) endeavours too late to check Kemp as he shoots for goal. Mahoney is taking the ball safely while Jack (of Victoria) covers the opposite corner of the goal.

N.S.W. AGAIN ATTACK



O'NEILL safely heads away the cross from the N.S.W. right-wing as Date, of N.S.W. (centre-forward) closes in, covered by Jack (Australia).

JACK AND DATE CLASH



JACK (Australia) and Date (N.S.W.) go up for the ball together. The "blurr" at the rear of the ball proves conclusively that our Tommy got this one safely away. Other players O'Neill (Australia) and McMahon (N.S.W.).

For the photos, on these two pages we are indebted to the Adamstown (N.S.W.) Soccer Club, who kindly loaned them to "Soccer News".



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GIPPSLAND GLEANINGS

By HARRY BAYLEY

May I be permitted, on behalf of the Yallourn Soccer Club, to wish officials and players of the various clubs the very best for the coming season. The boys at Yallourn are eagerly awaiting the coming season with great enthusiasm and with the full knowledge of their responsibilities of being in the first division. Like many other clubs, new players will be seen in action, and from local gossip some of them should make the grade.

Our committee is already anticipating a serious headache to cope with the ever-increasing costs of materials and transport. The latter constitutes a real menace to soccer progress, but we are confident that with the Backing of the players" and the continued enthusiasm of the Social Committee we will be able to weather the storm. In any case the committee and players are determined that progress in soccer will not retard but will definitely progress in this district. It is to be regretted that the enormous cost of the coming English tour makes the possibility of a game against the visitors impossible at Yallourn. What a thrill and wonderful impetus such a game would mean to Gippsland soccer. It is hoped that all Gippsland soccerites will be able to make the trip to Melbourne at King's Birthday week-end and see both the Saturday and Monday games.

WHO RUNS "SOCCER NEWS"

"Soccer News" this year will be run by a committee of seven members. The chairman is our Editor, "Dicko" Dixon.

Raking in the "shekels" will be the duty of Vic. Rose, of "Prahran", who has taken over from popular Wally Tunn. Vic. is also in charge of circulation — a big job.

Sub-editor is our old friend, the notorious Chief Petty Officer White (now with Prahran), who did a solid job last year and writes a pithy article under a heavy nom-de-plume.

Percy Searle, of Brighton, who "Pertinent Parr-ed" throughout last season, is with us again, although for business reasons he will not be so prominent as last season.

This year we have a new columnist in Alec. Barr, also of Brighton. A Scottish corruption of Ali Barr-Barr Alec's knowledge of overseas football and his dry sense of humour will be a decided asset to "Soccer News". Newcomer also is John Hawker, of Prahran, who will write articles for us throughout the season.

Last, but not least, we take pleasure in announcing that Frank Waghorn, of Box Hill, has taken on the job of official photographer. Frank is a great enthusiast and a fine photographer. All clubs are asked to give him every facility.

"Soccer News" men this year will wear the official "Soccer News" badge. If they want the "good oil" from your club — give it to them (but not too much "bull", blokes).

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AUSTRALIA and NEW AUSTRALIANS

By D. H. BINGHAM, of Sandringham.

How can clubs contact new players who are contemplating immigrating to this great country of ours?

Firstly, the Sandringham City Club wrote to the Department of Australian Immigration, Australia House, London, and told them that Victoria had scope for any immigrants interested in Soccer, stating that we would secure jobs for them when they arrived in Melbourne, and explained that Soccer out here is strictly amateur. The housing shortage was mentioned and that the New Australians would have to secure their own accommodation.

We then wrote to the "Evening Chronicle" in Newcastle explaining that Melbourne and particularly the Sandringham Club, would welcome with open arms any players immigrating here. From the enclosed cutting alone we had over 30 replies and a few of the men who wrote for particulars have arrived are on the way out to join our club.

We have also written to boats that are about to arrive at Fremantle, asking the men in charge to put up notices on the ship's notice boards about the Sandringham Club.

We also inserted advertisements in the "Sporting Globe" (Melbourne) over a few weeks, asking newly arrived immigrants interested in Soccer to contact me. A few calls were put over the radio stations and all sports depots asked to tell any players buying Soccer gear to contact the writer.

All club secretaries should try this. They would be surprised at the results as my club alone have just on 30 new players from overseas to try out.

I write this article with the view to strengthen our great game. I daresay we have only reached a hundredth of the newly arrived immigrants, and I am sure if other clubs get the same results our game will flourish.

[We reprint here the cutting from the Newcastle "Evening Chronicle" that Mr. Bingham refers to. Readers will agree that the Sandringham City Club deserves great credit for its go-ahead action. The cutting speaks for itself.—Ed.]

Australian Welcome to Soccer Players

Immigrants' Aid Sought

By "NOMAD"

Bogota has supplied the sensational news from abroad in the football world and developments seem to be pending with Stoke City F.C. making their first move in the matter of Franklin and Co. Now Australia steps in, but with offer in distinct contrast to that of the South Americans.

There are openings for footballers, acceptance of which will cause no flutter in the soccer sphere, but will help to cement the feelings between the Commonwealth and the Mother Country.

The "Evening Chronicle" is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Don Bingham, hon. secretary of the Sandringham City Soccer Club, of Melbourne, with the intimation that the club would be very pleased to accept as members any players who journey out to Melbourne as immigrants.

"I can assure any soccer player of a right royal Australian welcome."

Sandringham City were Second Division champions in 1949 and also head of the Second Division Reserves. Mr. Bingham's address is 80 Sandringham Road, Sandringham, S.8, Victoria, Australia.

**CORRESPONDENTS PLEASE NOTE THAT THE EDITOR HAS
CHANGED HIS ADDRESS SINCE LAST SEASON.**

CLUB JOTTINGS

BRIGHTON

As a new season opens we would like to extend our congratulations to the League and Cup winners of last season, Sunshine and Moreland, and also to give our best wishes to our Association and "Soccer News" for a prosperous season in 1951. Brighton have been training hard this year, both on the field and in their gymnasium in Union Street. We will have eight teams — three senior and five junior — in competitions this year. The thanks of the club are due to the managers of the various teams for the good work they have put in to get the teams ready for the opening date. Our coach has been seen going around with a worried frown on his face and they say he has been known to snap at Mrs. Jack, but I wouldn't know about that. Our missing president came to light and we don't know whether it's his recent marriage or whether it's the fact he has discarded the crutches he had last year, but he is running up and down the line like a two-year-old. Afternoon tea will again be a feature at Hurlington Park and our thanks are due to the Ladies' Committee for providing this service as it is a great help, more so on a cold winter's day. Any team visiting Hurlington Park this season is assured of a warm welcome. They can also be assured we will do our best to beat them, but if they can beat us they will have our congratulations.—Alex. Mac.

PRAHRAN

The Prahran Club faces the new season with great confidence after several weeks of regular and satisfactory training. Some of last year's players have departed for other fields, but transfers and enrolment of some newcomers from overseas have more than filled the gaps.

Amongst the transfers from other clubs, Prahran warmly welcomes J. Bambro, J. Wilson, R. Parvin and R. White, all from Sandringham, and C. Thorington from Western Suburbs.

A practice match was played with great enthusiasm last week. Players were tried out in various positions and the Selection Committee feels confident that it can now pick a team capable of giving South Yarra more than a run for its money at Fawkner Park in the first match of the season.

At the annual meeting of the club in March Mr. George Yorston was unanimously re-elected president and Mr. W. W. Tunn, hon. secretary. Mr. Tom Stockman became vice-president and his place as hon. treasurer was taken by Mr. Derek Toms. Strong general and social committees were also elected and the club looks forward to a record season both on and off the field.

PRESTON

We have been very fortunate in getting the services of Cr. T. W. Andrews, J.P., M.H.R., as president of our club. It is very pleasing to have a gentleman with such a dynamic personality as our leader, and we are looking forward with great optimism for the coming season. We have been unfortunate to lose the services of A. Drysdale, our social secretary, who is laid aside with a broken leg. To Alec, we all wish a speedy recovery and to see him again amongst us soon.

We have played a number of trial games and to those clubs we say, "Thank you". We would like to wish all concerned with soccer the very best for a good season.—V. Hayes, 616 Murray Road, West Preston, N.18.

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JUNIOR SECTION

BIG INCREASE OF JUNIOR TEAMS

Mr. "Jock" Parker, chairman of the Junior Association, extends a hearty welcome to Moreland and Footscray City, the two new clubs in junior soccer this year. It is pleasing to see these two first division clubs fostering juniors, and to know that every first division club, with the exception of one, is now actually running junior teams.

Although this season there is only an increase of two clubs, there has been a big increase of teams. Forty-eight teams have entered the Association's competitions, compared with thirty-eight last season. Thirteen teams have entered for the Under 19 Division, which has been divided into two sections of seven and six. The Under 17 Division consists of fourteen teams, eight teams in "A" Section and six teams in "B" Section.

In the "B" Section of both these divisions, teams will play each other three times.

The Under 15 Division consists of eleven teams, whilst the Under 14 Division is of ten teams.

ARMY APPRENTICES' TWO TEAMS

Army Apprentices have entered two teams in the Under 17 Division this season, and so as to avoid Melbourne teams having to travel to Balcombe twice in the one season, their two teams have been placed one in each section. It is suggested to Melbourne clubs travelling to Balcombe, that the two clubs travelling each week get together and hire one bus between them. This would certainly keep the cost of transport down considerably. Fixtures have been drawn this season, so that the Army apprentices teams will be playing home one Saturday and then both away the next. Club secretaries would be well advised to contact Army Apprentices as to accurate directions to their ground, and to time of commencement of their games, for it is almost certain that with one ground one of the teams will have to commence its game at 2.45 p.m. The other game would be played as a curtain-raiser at 1.15 p.m. Army Apprentices' secretary's address is:—W.O. II Woolhouse, J. H., c/o. Army Apprentice School, Balcombe.

It is interesting to note that Yallourn Under 19 matches will be played, in nearly every instance, as curtain-raisers to reserve games. This should also assist in cutting down travelling expenses.

It will be noticed, in the Under 19 fixtures, that South Yarra Juniors have been drawn to go to Yallourn on April 28, when Prahran's Reserve team make the trip. Also Park Rangers Juniors will be making the trip on August 4, when

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South Yarra's Reserve team make the trip. These are the only two instances where this occurs, and was unavoidable when compiling the draw. It is suggested that these two junior teams try and arrange to travel with the two reserve teams, and thus obviate having to hire separate buses of their own.

VACANCIES FOR TWO TEAMS

Vacancies exist for one team in the Under 19 Division and one team in the Under 15 Division.

NORTHCOTE CLUB

Northcote Under 19 and Under 17 teams will be playing their home matches on alternative Saturdays, and clubs are advised that all matches played at the Northcote ground will commence at 2.45 p.m. Northcote's away games will be played at the usual times, 1.15 p.m.

JUNIOR INTERSTATE GAMES

Arrangements are continuing for Victoria to send a 16 years and under team, and a 14 years and under team to Tasmania this season. South Australia's Under 19 team will be visiting Victoria this season to compete for the "Skolnik Cup". South Australia are the holders of the Cup.

The Australian Schoolboys Soccer Carnival is scheduled to be played in Melbourne this season.

JUNIOR ASSOCIATION'S NEW SECRETARY

Mr. Tom Dignam, a school teacher at Glenferrie State School, has been appointed as secretary of the Junior Association in succession to Mr. J. A. Olsen, who has resigned owing to his appointment as assistant secretary of the Senior Association.

JUNIOR REGISTRATION FORMS

Club secretaries are advised that in future all Junior Registration Forms are to be forwarded to the assistant secretary and registrar, Mr. George Ellis, 27 Canterbury Road, Middle Park, S.C.6.

JUNIOR ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

The Junior Association meetings this season will be held on the first and third Mondays in each month, commencing at 8 p.m., in the Temperance Hall, Russell Street, Melbourne. The Temperance Hall is situated in the Savoy Theatre Buildings, entrance through Theatre Foyer.

At the next meeting of the Junior Association to be held on Monday, April 16, several members of the Referees Association will be present to lecture on the Laws of the Game. Team managers and club referees, also members and players of junior clubs, will be welcome to attend this lecture.



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